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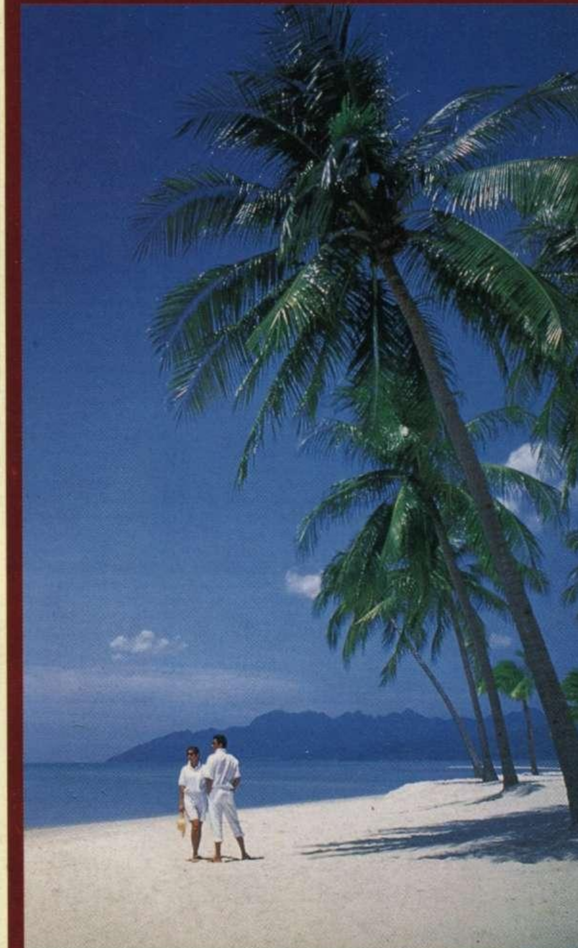
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LEGENDS OF LANGKAWI - MAKAM MAHSURI

With its fabled and historical past, Langkawi is a treasure trove. Significant sites have been preserved for posterity. Makam Mahsuri *(Mahsuri Mausoleum)* lies in a village about 12 kilometres from Kuah. This shrine is in honour of a fair maiden who lived on Pulau Langkawi more than two hundred years ago. Accused unjustly of adultery, she was executed with a special kris. According to legend, she bled white blood and in her dying breath, she laid a curse on the island that it would henceforth not prosper for seven generations. Fact or fiction, the seven generations have come to an end and Langkawi today enjoys the prosperity of accelerated development and ever increasing tourist arrivals.



KUAH

Kuah, the main town, is located on the southeastern side of Pulau Langkawi. It is the take off point to the neighbouring islands by ferry. The name 'Kuah' is a Malay word meaning 'gravy' and involves an old legend of two battling giants who overturned a gigantic pot of curry at the spot where the town now stands. Once a rustic town with a few streets, Kuah today is a thriving centre of modern hotels and shopping-cum-business complexes, but without the over-crowding and bustle of modern cities. Kuah is a duty free shopping haven with a wide variety of goods sold at attractive prices. The multi-racial population produces excellent culinary delights, especially fresh seafood.

AIR HANGAT VILLAGE

Sited on four acres of land around Telaga Air Hangat *(Hot Springs)*, this modern complex includes a 3-tier hot spring fountain, an 18-metre long handcarved riverstone mural depicting the legends that enshroud this location, daily demonstrations of local crafts and cultural dances and shops selling traditional handicrafts. Food and beverage facilities are available here. The village complex is only about 14 km from Kuah.

Opening hours : 10.00 am - 6.00 pm daily



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5. Underwater World
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8. Temurun Waterfall
9. Black Sand Beach
10. Tg. Rhu Beach
11. Gua Cherita
12. Air Hangat Village
13. Durian Perangin WaterFall
14. Kedah Marble
15. Lake Of Pregnant Maiden
16. Mahsuri Mausoleum
17. Book Village
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19. Kg. Tanamas
20. Gua Langsir
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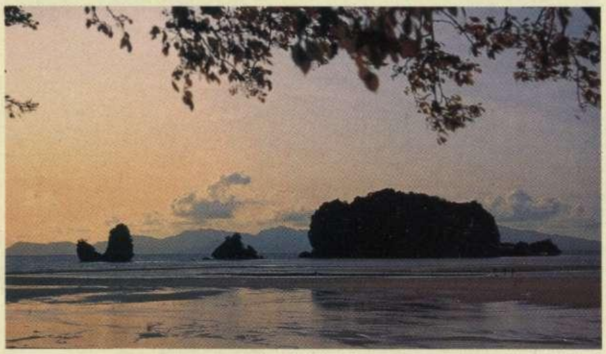
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TELAGA TUJUH

Located in the northwest corner of Pulau Langkawi, Telaga Tujuh *(Seven Wells)* is a geological marvel. The waterfall is so named because the cascading water is broken by a series of seven natural pools. The lush green forest that surrounds the waterfall adds a mystical touch to the natural splendour. Legend has it that fairies used to come down to the waterfall to bathe and frolic.

TANJUNG RHU

The islands of Langkawi are world-renowned for their fine beaches and stretches of clear shallow



waters for swimming. Tanjung Rhu *(Casuarina Bay)* lies on the northern cape of Pulau Langkawi. Aptly named for its abundance of casuarinas, the beach is enchanting with magnificent views of nearby islands which can be reached at low tide on foot. An experience not to be missed.

A short journey by boat from Tanjung Rhu brings you to the doorstep of Gua Cherita *(Cave of Legends)*. As the name implies, the cave is steeped in fabled tales of mystery and romance.

On the walls of the cave can be seen ancient writing which has yet to be deciphered. There are indeed many tales to tell about this cave.

PANTAI KOK, PANTAI CENANG, PANTAI TENGAH, DATAI AND BURAU BAY



Idyllic beaches, such as Pantai Kok, Pantai Cenang, Pantai Tengah, Datai and Burau Bay, offer carefree sun-filled days and quiet evening strolls. First-class accommodation in modern hotels or captivating chalets is available. A wide range of exciting water sports provides fun, enjoyment and thrills for the outdoor enthusiast. For

UNDERWATER WORLD LANGKAWI

The Underwater World Langkawi, a marine showcase featuring both fresh and seawater fish and marine life, is the latest attraction in the legendary island of Langkawi. Located at the popular beach of Pantai Cenang, this newest drawcard features more than 5,000 types of marine life, exhibited in more than 100 tanks of different sizes. The highlight is a giant tank housing large species such as sharks, stingrays, groupers and green turtles, with a 15-metre tunnel for visitors to walk through and have a spectacular view of the exhibits. Underwater gardens of weeds and sea plants together



with exotic fishes and exhibits of fossils and shells add to the range of interesting sights to look for. Housed within the complex are a fast-food outlet, a duty free shopping arcade and a shop-selling dried seafood such as sharks fins, birds nest, scallops and oysters.

Opening Hours : 10.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m. daily

ISLAND CRUISES



Island cruises provide ample opportunities to relax and at the same time take in breathtaking landscape and seascape. Be spellbound as your boat weaves through the watery passageways between the islands.

A round trip, which takes about four hours includes Pulau Dayang Bunting, Pulau Beras Basah and Pulau Singa Besar, costs between RM 180 to RM 300 per boat (seats 8-12 persons at RM 25 per person). Special itineraries with a barbecue, snorkelling or trips to other islands can also be arranged.

TAMAN BUAYA LANGKAWI (CROCODILE FARM)

The Crocodile farm at Kubang Badak, some 32

DATARAN LANG

Dataran Lang or "Eagle Square," is the latest addition to Langkawi's famous landmarks. Situated near the Kuah Jetty, it features scenic ponds, bridges, covered terraces, two restaurants, two jetties and barrel vaults made of bricks. Its close proximity to the sea and the soft breezes makes it an ideal spot for leisurely walks and a tranquil setting for dining in the cool evenings. Spectacular cultural shows provide the perfect finishing touch.

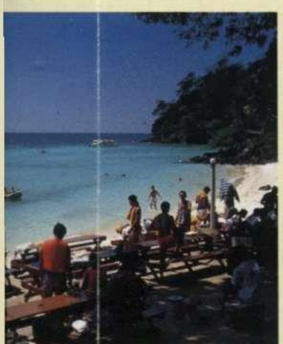
The main attraction of the square is the magnificent statue of the reddish brown eagle majestically poised for flight. According to local folklore, Langkawi derived its name from the eagle or "lang" short for "helang". In old Malay "kawi" denotes reddish brown - hence Langkawi means reddish brown eagle!



The square is beautifully illuminated at night and presents a dramatic scene as you approach the island by sea. Indeed the majestic eagle is strategically positioned to welcome visitors to Langkawi.

AQUABEAT

This is the country's first indoor water theme park. It covers four hectares and is located next to the Langkasuka Beach Resort at Kuala Muda. Its wide range of waterbased activities feature action packed rides designed for the more adventurous, in search of thrills and spills. For those who





can't swim but do not want to be left out, there's the outdoor jacuzzis to relax in and soothe those tired muscles. Ice cream parlours, a restaurant and a fast-food outlet help to keep the hunger pangs at bay. Other facilities include a retail shop and a magazine store. There are separate rooms for changing, showers and toilets. Lockers are also provided for your belongings.



GETTING TO LANGKAWI

BY ROAD

The journey by road from Kuala Lumpur to Kuala Kedah takes about six to eight hours.

Visitors car park are available at Kuala Kedah and Kuala Perlis with a minimum charge of RM 15.00 a day.

BY AIR

The Langkawi International Airport at Padang Mat Sirat is about 20 km from Kuah and 8 km from the beach resorts in Pantai Cenang. Malaysia Airlines and Pelangi Air operate daily direct flights from Kuala Lumpur as well as via Penang.



For reservations please contact :
Malaysia Airlines,
Tel : 03-746 3000
Pelangi Air,
Tel : 03-746 5524 / 770 3405.

BY RAIL

KTM Berhad (KTMB) provides comfortable and economical rail service, from Kuala Lumpur to Alor Setar and Arau. From Alor Setar/Arau you can take a taxi or bus to Kuala Kedah/Kuala Perlis and from there by express ferry to Langkawi.

For reservations please contact :
KTMB, Tel : 03-274 7435

FERRY SCHEDULE

There is an express ferry service providing regular services between : Kuala Kedah/Kuala Perlis and Langkawi *(Kuah Jetty)*

For enquiries, please contact:
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ACCOMMODATION

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First-class accommodation



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PULAU DAYANG BUNTING

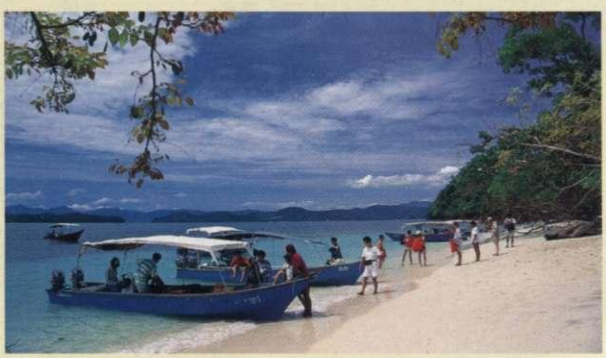
Nestled in the midst of lushly forested hills on this island south of Pulau Langkawi is Tasik Dayang Bunting *(Lake of the Pregnant Maiden)*, the largest lake in all the islands of Langkawi. The outline of hills and rocky outcrops on one side of the lake takes the shape of a pregnant maiden lying on her back. But the name of both the island and the lake is attributed to the legend of a lovely fairy princess who married an earthly prince. Her first child died shortly after birth. So sad and depressed was she that she buried the child in the crystal clear waters of the lake. Before she returned to her fairy abode, she blessed the waters so that henceforth any childless maiden who bathed in the lake would conceive thereafter.



PULAU SINGA BESAR - WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Monkeys, deer, iguanas and peacocks roam about freely on Pulau Singa Besar which is being developed as a wildlife sanctuary. Picnic on the idyllic beaches and enjoy swimming and snorkelling in the surrounding waters.

To conserve the the island's natural habitat, no hotels or chalets have been built. Instead, camping is encouraged. Camping equipment is available for rent at reasonable rates while showers and toilets are for the use of campers and daytrippers alike. This back to nature experience is enjoyable and educational.



can also be arranged.

TAMAN BUAYA LANGKAWI (CROCODILE FARM)

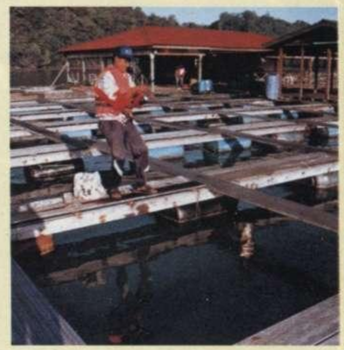
The Crocodile farm at Kubang Badak, some 32 km from Kuah, covers about 20 acres and holds more than 1,000 crocodiles of various species. Here, one can witness and photograph crocodiles and alligators play and



feed in a controlled environment that closely resembles their natural habitat.

Opening hours : 9.00 am - 6.00 pm daily

SANGKAR IKAN LANGKAWI



Literally meaning "fish cage", this is in fact a floating wooden platform built by a local fisherman to breed fish in the sea. Various species of fish, including a colourful array of exotic coral fish and other fish, are bred here commercially for the local markets and restaurants.

The platform is a novel attraction for tourists as they can view first hand how fish are bred in their natural environment. It also offers the curious and enthusiastic visitors the opportunity to have some moments of fun by fishing from the platform themselves.





help to keep the hunger pangs at bay. Other facilities include a retail shop and a magazine store. There are separate rooms for changing, showers and toilets. Lockers are also provided for your belongings.

Opening hours : 9am to 9pm, Entrance fee : RM 20.00 per pax

GALLERI PERDANA

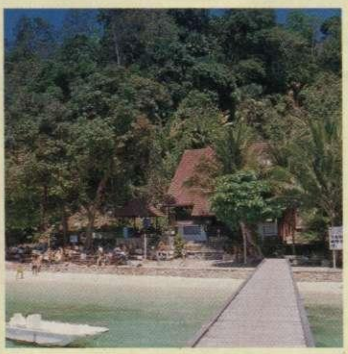
This gallery at Kilim houses an impressive collection of over 10,000 state gifts and awards presented to the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Datin Seri Dr. Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali. The impressive collection of exhibits includes fine crystal ware, gifts fashioned out of wood, leather, silver, copper, pewter, ceramics and glass. There are also musical instruments, Islamic art and craft, textiles and weapons. Outside the gallery, there is a display of various cars and four-wheel drive vehicles .

The gallery comprises of 2 double-storey buildings set within a beautifully landscaped garden.

Opening hours : 10am to 5pm daily (except Mondays)
Closed from 12.15 pm to 3 pm on Fridays.
Entrance fee : RM 2.00 for adults
RM 1.00 for children

Visitors are not allowed to take any pictures inside. A souvenir shop located near the exit offers pictures of exhibits for sale.





PULAU PAYAR

The first marine park to be established off the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia, Pulau Payar is endowed with a diversity of marine flora and fauna and many endangered species of organism and fishes dwell within the sanctuary.

Pulau Payar Marine Park boasts of pristine sandy beaches and its crystal clear shallow water is so inviting that one would be thrilled to dive in and capture the view of multi-coloured marine life.

TAMAN LAGENDA

This scenic park featuring gardens of vivid local blooms, plants and fruit trees provide a picturesque and fitting backdrop for buildings showcasing Malaysia's rich cultural heritage. Within are found some of the fine examples of traditional Malaysian handicrafts and cultural objects. Shops within the complex offer a variety of souvenirs for sale.

Langkawi offers a wide range of accommodation to suit every budget and taste. Modern luxurious hotels and resorts provide complete facilities for comfort, excellent dining and recreation, including swimming pools and gymnasiums or fitness centres. For those who prefer a touch of rustic ambience, chalets are available. And for the budget conscious, there are smaller hotels at reasonable rates.





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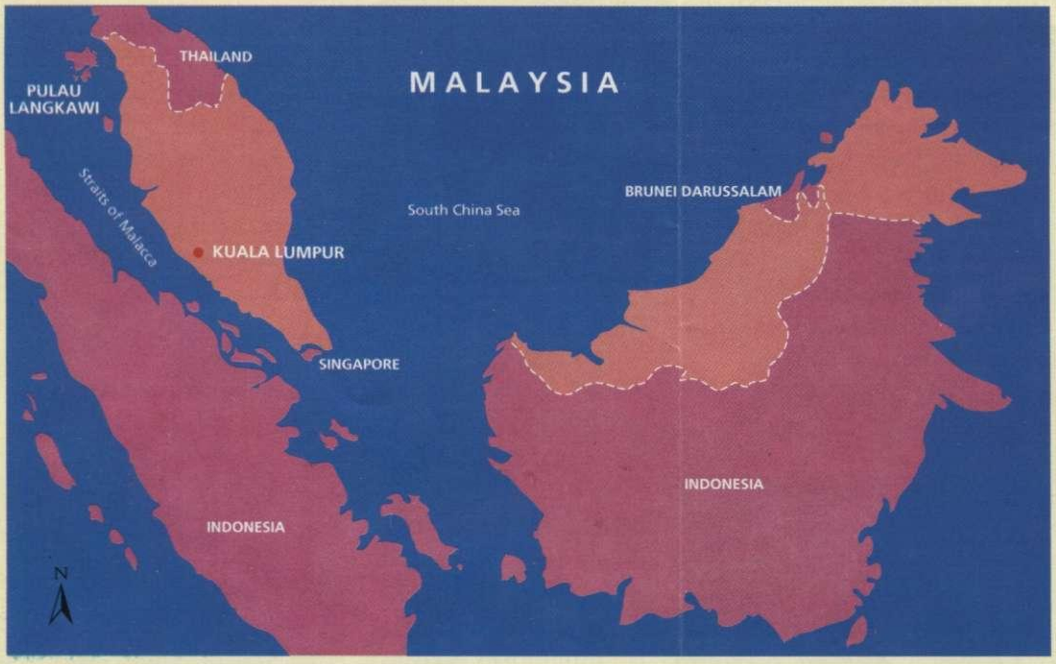
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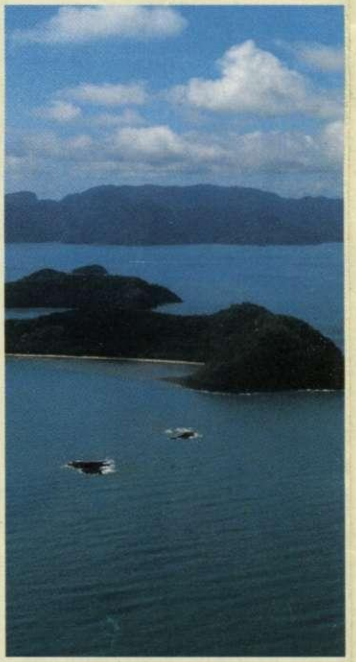
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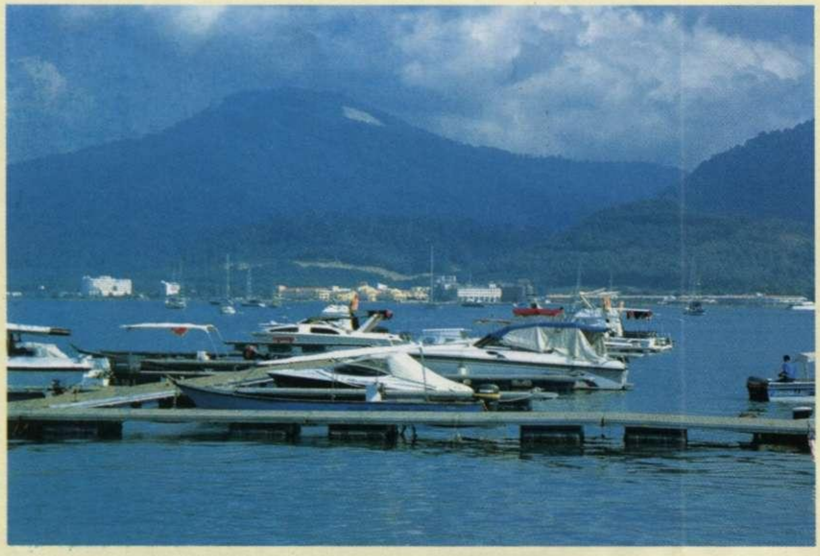
INTRODUCTION





PULAU LANGKAWI

Langkawi comprises a group of 99 tropical islands lying off the northwestern coast of Peninsular Malaysia, about 30 kilometres from Kuala Perlis and 51 kilometres from Kuala Kedah. The main island is popularly known as Pulau Langkawi. The islands are richly blessed with a heritage of fabulous myths and legends: of ogres and gigantic birds, warriors and fairy princesses, battles and romance. As a natural paradise, the islands are perhaps unmatched anywhere else in Southeast Asia. With a geological history dating back 500 million odd years, the islands contain unique rock formations that stir the imagination and baffle the mind. Numerous caves, with their stunning stalactites and stalagmites, taunt the adventurous to unravel their ancient secrets. Fine beaches offer sun-filled days of complete relaxation. The clear, emerald waters around the islands provide a host of water sports and recreation, and a magical world of marine life. Nestling amidst the mist-covered hills, limestone outcrops and lush forests are fascinating waterfalls and mysterious caves. The rich diversity of flora and fauna offers the nature lover amazing 'sights and sounds'. For those with a yen for adventure, jungle trekking and boat trips up rivers and around the islands are most rewarding. The rustic beauty of the islands is in itself a compelling attraction. We bid you *Selamat Datang* - Welcome to the islands of Langkawi.



LEGENDS OF LANGKAWI - MAKAM MAHSURI